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Rocky Heinrich
The Rockland Corporation
12320 East Skelly Drive
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128

Re: Approval of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Activities, The Rockland Corporation, The Rockland Mine, S/015/090, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Heinrich:

Thank you for your amended notice of intention, received by the Division March 5, 2002, concerning your proposed small mining program located in Sections 2 and 3, Township 23 South, Range 6 East, and Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 6 East, SLBM, Emery County, Utah. The application is considered complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time. **You may commence with your mining operations as outlined, provided you have satisfied and received written acceptance from the Bureau of Land Management requirements or School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.**

In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. **It is also required that the operator mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.**

There are some minor errors in the calculations on page 3 of the notice of intention that should be corrected although we do not consider them serious enough to withhold approval. The acreage figures for the road and pad should be 0.643 acres for the new road ($1400' \times 20' = 2800$ square feet = 0.643 acres), 3.52 acres of improved road ($6675' \times 23' = 153,525$ square feet = 3.52 acre), and 0.152 acres for the pad ($60 \times [60' + 160'] / 2 = 6600$ square feet = 0.152 acres) for a total of 4.32 acres. The NOI indicates the total disturbance should be less than 4.25 acres.

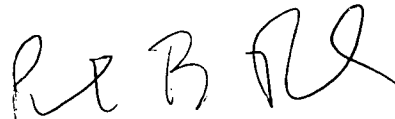
Under your exploration notice of intention, you have basically developed the road and portal pad for the new Rockland Mine. It appears that it will be very difficult or impossible to pull back the cut material that has been used to create the pad. We strongly encourage you to start working now to revegetate this steep slope. Because the slope is so steep and the area receives little precipitation, it may take several years and more than one seeding to establish vegetation. If you begin now, you can decrease

erosion problems, and it will speed the revegetation and release process. It will also decrease problems with weed competition.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Baker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul B. Baker
Senior Reclamation Biologist

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cc: Bill Ruehman, Rockland
John Blake, SITLA

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